

MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The August 28, 2012 meeting of the City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Ballew at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Ballew led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners, Jason Ballew, Laura Miller, Michelle Rodarte

Absent: Commissioner Lisa Faulkner

Also Present: Recreation Supervisor-Tina Garza, Community Service Director-Clay Lee,
Support Services Assistant-Delia Ramon

VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza informed the PRC that the agenda for the August 28, 2012 meeting of the PRC was posted at both the Hollister Community Center and City Hall on August 24, 2012 per Government Code Section 54954.2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation as presented. Second by Commissioner Rodarte. Motion passed 3-0 with Commissioner Faulkner absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Commission Appointment**-Community Services Director Lee informed the Commission that there continues to be very little interest in the vacancy on the Commission and the City Clerk reports there have been no applications to serve on the Commission. The City Clerk indicated that she will continue to advertise the vacancy and keep staff posted of any applications that might be filed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request by Steven Tamez**-to paint a mural at the Skate Park in Memory of Johnny Murfia. The Commission received a presentation by Steven Tamez describing his request to have a mural painted at the Skate Park in memory of his good friend and fellow skater Johnny Murfia she passed away in an automobile accident last month. Mr. Tamez provided the Commission with a colored rendering of the proposed mural and

pictures of the proposed location within the Skate Park. Mr. Tamez stated that they would be responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the mural. Chairperson Ballew thanked Mr. Tamez and his supporters for going through the proper process to get this projected approved. Chairperson Ballew stated his support of the proposed artwork but informed Mr. Tamez and the rest of the Commission that there is currently not a policy in place that addresses these types of request and that he felt the issue should be sent to the City Council with staff's recommendation for guidelines on how to deal with these types of requests.

Community Services Director Lee informed the Commission that it would be appropriate to defer this request until a policy is in place. Lee informed Mr. Tamez that it would take a while to develop the policy and to get it to the City Council for consideration but that he would keep Mr. Tamez informed on the progress of this approval process. Commissioner Miller made a motion for staff to develop a policy that would establish guidelines for requests of public art at City facilities. Second by Commissioner Rodarte. Motion passed 3-0. The Commission and staff thanked Mr. Tamez for his presentation and were generally supportive of the concept.

2. **Social Vocation Service Inc.**-Community Services Director Lee informed the Commission that staff had met with Steve Owen of Social Vocational Services (SVS, Inc. of Hollister) initially to discuss an adopt a park proposal. Lee informed the Commission that SVS is a program that works with individuals with disabilities and trains them to be placed in jobs in the work place. Staff was impressed with Mr. Owen's presentation and is looking to use SVS staff to maintain the Hollister Community Center and possibly some landscaped areas of City facilities. Mr. Owen informed City staff that they have adopt a park programs with the City of Salinas and Gilroy. Normally they charge a minimal fee for their services but are proposing to volunteer for the City of Hollister. They are funded by the State Department of Rehabilitation and unlike nonprofits do not rely on donations or fundraising. Staff was excited about the opportunity to work with SVS, Inc. This was an informational item only no Commission action was required.
3. **Results of Quarterly User Group meeting**- Recreation Supervisor, Tina Garza gave an oral report on the outcome of a recent user group meeting that she conducted. Staff enforced the Commission that City Staff holds quarterly user group meetings with representatives of various youth and adult sports organizations that use indoor and outdoor City Recreation facilities. It is an opportunity to address issues with the users that may need to be discussed to insure the facilities continue to be kept in good operating condition. Ms. Garza stated that the meeting went well but that some of the key groups were unrepresented. Mr. Garza also stated that the athletic field use policy was well received by the group.
4. **Temporary Use Permit- South Bay Soaring**- Executive Secretary Lee informed the Commission that based on previous success in working with Robert Brown of South Bay Soaring. Lee issued another one day use permit for a glider event on Sunday, August 26, 2012. Lee said that the event went well again and that South Bay Soaring was pleased with the process and use of the park. Staff provided minimal assistance with their event.

REPORTS

1. **Recreation Program Review**-Recreation Supervisor, Tina Garza gave a brief review of the Recreation Division activities.
2. **Parks Division Review**-Executive Secretary Lee informed the Commission of the monthly Parks Division activities.
3. **San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission update**- San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dan Dungy gave an oral update on the activities of the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission including information on the efforts to form the Special District for Parks & Recreation and library services. Mr. Dungy reported that Don Kelley will be the new representative on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Brigantino Property project replacing Wilbert White on the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the PRC, Chairperson Ballew asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Second by Commissioner Rodarte, motion passed 3-0 with Commissioner Falkner absent. The next regular meeting of the PRC will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers-375 Fifth Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Garza
Recreation Supervisor